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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] In some embodiments, the windings may be separated at a distance from each other in the range of from about 0.5 millimeters to about 10 millimeters ~~or in the range of from about 4 millimeters to about 10 millimeters~~. Stents that include windings separated at a larger distance have greater flexibility than those stents with windings separated at a smaller distance. The flexible polymer material forms the imperforate flexible webbing adjoining each adjacent winding. An example of a flexible polymer material that is suitable for forming the imperforate flexible webbing is a low durometer silicone, specifically a silicone that has a Shore A hardness in the range of from about 0 to 60 durometers.